

# Rush Medical College

## Class of 2009



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### WELCOME

RUSH MEDICAL  
COLLEGE

NEW STUDENT



ORIENTATION

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MEDICAL CENTER



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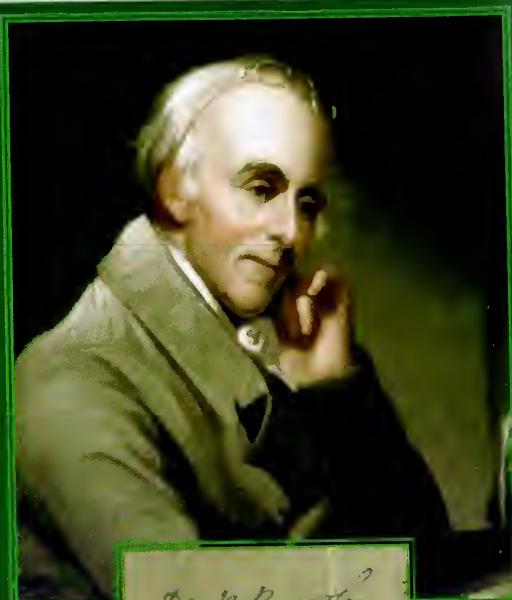
For nearly 170 years, Rush has been dedicated to care for the city of Chicago, longer than any other health care institution in the city! Rush Medical College received its charter on March 2, 1837, just days before the city of Chicago was chartered. Its founder, Dr. Daniel Braínard, names the school in honor of Dr. Benjamin Rush, the only physician with medical training to sign the Declaration of Independence.

In 1843, Rush officially opened its doors, beginning with a class of twenty two students. It was the first institution of higher learning chartered in Illinois and one of the first medical schools to open west of the Allegheny Mountains. During its first century of operation, more than 10,000 physicians received their training at Rush.

As Chicago grew, so did Rush's interaction with other budding organizations. St Luke's Hospital was established in 1864; Presbyterian Hospital began in 1883, influenced by the support of Rush faculty and the University of Chicago, with which Rush was affiliated from 1898 to 1942.

With the onset of World War II, Rush discontinued its undergraduate education. However, the library was maintained and its faculty continued to teach at the University of Illinois. In 1969, Rush Medical College reactivated its charter and joined with Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, which itself had been formed through a merger in 1956, to form Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center. The original logo of Presbyterian St. Luke's was an anchor and cross, an early religious symbol. This anchor and crosspiece symbol conveyed messages of faith and hope for those at sea as early as the first century. When Rush merged with Presbyterian St. Luke's in 1969, a stylized version of the anchor was developed to remind those educated through Rush to remember the mission and values of the institution.

In 1971, Rush Medical College reopened with a class of 66 first year students and 33 third year students. Beginning in 1972, Rush Medical College has been part of Rush University, which is comprised of Rush Medical College, the College of Nursing, the College of Health Sciences, and The Graduate College. The Medical Center officially changed its name in September 2003 to Rush University Medical Center, to reflect the important role of education and research in its mission to achieve the highest standards of patient care.



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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

### Congratulations Rush Medical College 2009 Graduates!

Graduation is a time of great excitement (and some relief)! It is also a time to reflect upon how far you've come. It's hard to believe that just a few short years ago you came to Rush with a desire to become a physician, and now you have realized that dream. On behalf of your entire faculty, it gives me great pride to welcome you into our noble profession.

As you transition into your next phase of training, much will be expected of you by your patients. But even more will be expected of you by your teachers – simply because you graduated from Rush. Since Rush Medical College was founded, being a "Rush physician" has historically been synonymous with superiorly well-trained, compassionate and proficient doctors, who were moral and ethical exemplars. As you receive your diplomas, it becomes your responsibility to continue this legacy.

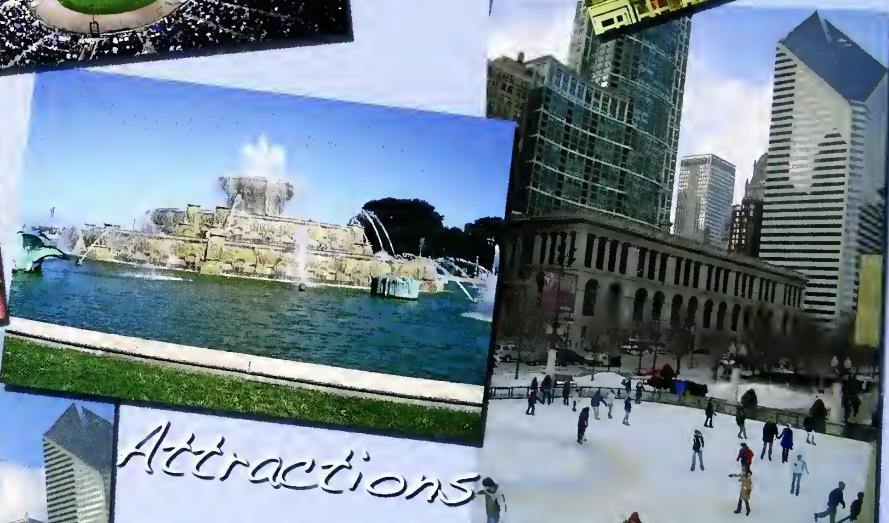
I have every confidence that you are well prepared for your futures. But, if we, your faculty have "forgotten" to impart something that you need, or you find that you simply need a faculty member's counsel, don't forget .... 312-942-5000.

Congratulations, good luck and keep in touch!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul J. Jones MD".

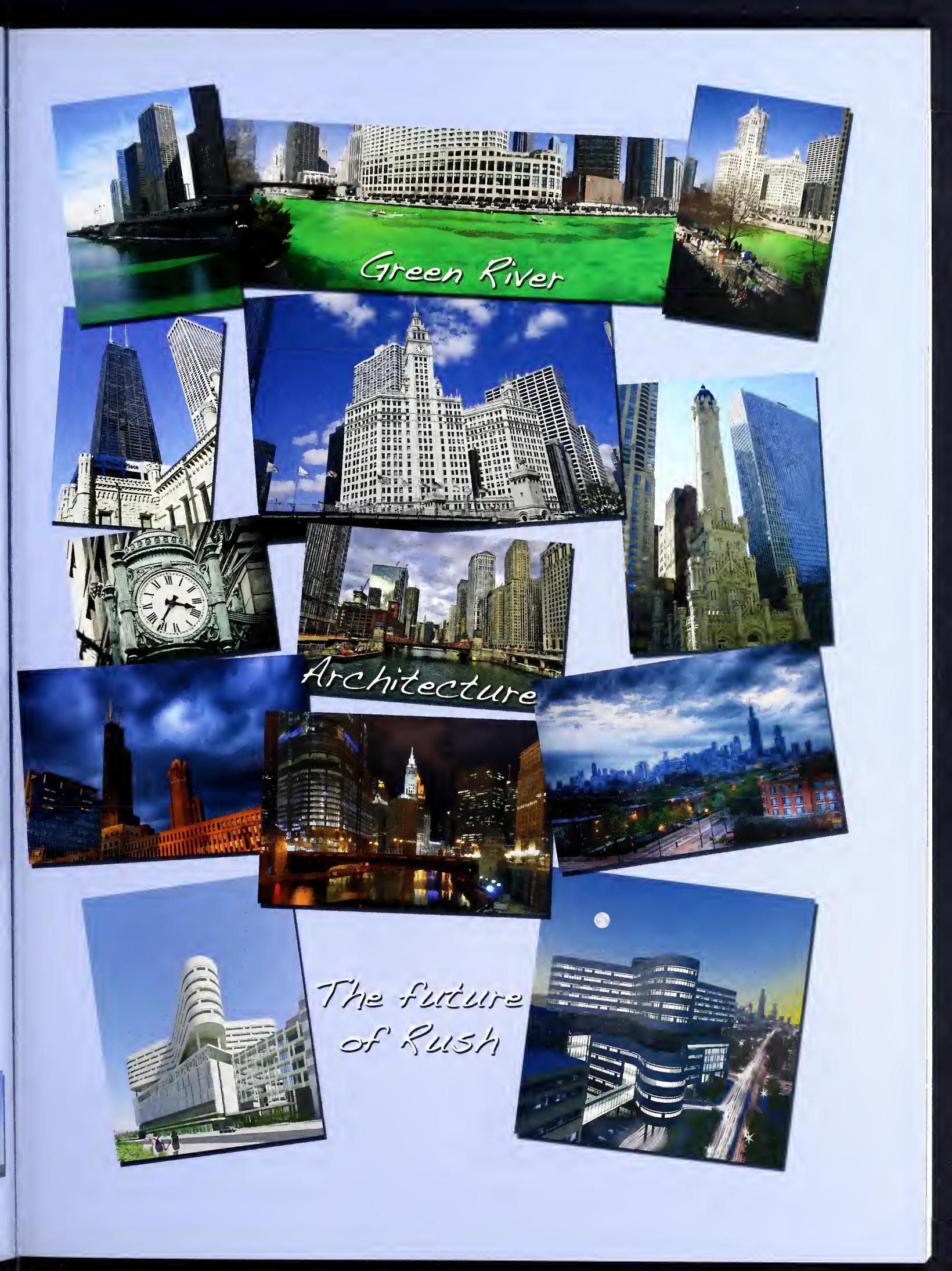
Paul J. Jones, MD  
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# Sweet Home Chicago



Attractions





*Green River*

*Architecture*

*The future  
of Rush*

# IN OTHER NEWS...

## 2005

- Aug. 28:** Hurricane Katrina strikes Southern US. 80% of New Orleans is flooded. Death toll >1300.
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- Oct. 26:** The Chicago White Sox sweep the Houston Astros to win their first World Series since 1917.
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- Nov. 29:** Doctors in France perform the world's first face transplant on woman disfigured by dog.

## 2006

- Jan. 5:** Israeli Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, suffers a massive stroke, Deputy Prime Minister, Ehud Olmert, takes over.
- Feb. 4:** Throughout the Muslim world, angry demonstrators smash windows, set fires, and burn flags, protesting cartoon Muhammad in a negative light.
- Apr. 12:** Massachusetts enacts Universal Health Coverage legislation signed by Gov. Mitt Romney.
- May 27:** Angelina Jolie gives birth in Namibia to her and Brad Pitt's baby, Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt.
- June 8:** FDA approves Gardasil vaccine for human papillomavirus, which will help to prevent cervical cancer.
- Aug. 24:** FDA approves Morning-After Pill to be sold over the counter.
- Oct. 26:** Bush signs legislation to build 700-mile fence between the US and Mexico.
- Nov. 7:** Democrats take over congress in mid-term elections.



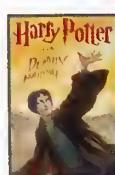
**Nov. 20:** Celebrity superstars Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes marry in Italy, after the birth of their baby girl Suri.



**Dec. 13:** National Institute of Health announces circumcision lowers risk of getting AIDS.

**Dec. 30:** Saddam Hussein executed

## 2007

- Jan. 9:** Apple introduces the iPhone.
- 
- Feb. 4:** Chicago Bears lost Super Bowl XLI to the Indianapolis Colts.
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- Feb. 8:** Anna Nicole Smith dies suddenly amidst controversy surrounding the death of her son and the paternity of her infant daughter.
- Mar. 1:** Washington Post article reports on dilapidated facilities and inadequate care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.
- Mar. 10:** Khalid Shaikh Mohammed admits responsibility for the attacks on the US on Sept. 11th and a role in many others.
- Apr. 16:** A male gunman kills 32 at Virginia Tech before committing suicide in the worst school shooting in US history.
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- May 10:** Tony Blair resigns as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom after ten years.
- June 12:** Sudanese officials agree to allow a joint force of about 19,000 troops from the African Union and the United Nations to be deployed to Darfur.
- July 21:** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" the 7th and final installment in J.K. Rowlings best-selling series debuts, selling more than 8.3 million copies.
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- Aug. 1:** An eight-lane interstate bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota breaks into sections and falls into the river, killing 13 and injuring 60.
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- Oct. 5:** Marion Jones, who won five medals at the 2000 Olympics, three of them gold, pleads guilty to making false statements about her use of performance-enhancing drugs.
- Nov. 20:** Two teams of scientists, one in Wisconsin and the other in Japan, announce they have discovered a way to make embryonic stem cells without using embryonic stem cells.
- Dec. 13:** The Mitchell Report accuses 89 current and former MLB players of using illegal performance-enhancing drugs.
- Dec. 27:** Former Pakistani Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, dies at a campaign rally.

# IN OTHER NEWS...

## 2008

**Jan. 3:** Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mike Huckabee are victorious in the Iowa caucuses.

**Feb. 14:** Gunman at Northern Illinois University kills six and wounds 15 more when he opens fire on a classroom before killing himself.



**Feb. 19:** Fidel Castro permanently steps down after 49 years in power in Cuba.

**Mar. 4:** John McCain secures republican nomination for President. Mike Huckabee drops out of the race.

**May 15:** California Supreme Court rules in favor of gay marriage, becoming the 2nd state, behind Massachusetts, to legalize same-sex marriage.

**June 3:** Senator Barack Obama secures the democratic nomination, becoming the first black candidate to head a major party ticket in a presidential election.

**June 7:** Senator Hillary Clinton suspends her campaign and endorses Obama for the presidency.



**Aug. 8:** Former senator John Edwards, N.C. democrat, admits to having an affair in 2006 but denies that he is the father of her child.



**Aug. 17:** Michael Phelps wins his eight gold medals, breaking the record set by Mark Spitz in the 1972 Games.

**Aug. 23:** Senator Barack Obama picks Delaware senator Joe Biden as his running mate.



**Aug. 29:** Senator John McCain names Sarah Palin, governor of Alaska, as his pick for Vice President.

**Sept. 3:** Detroit Mayor steps down after pleading guilty to obstruction of justice.

**Sept. 20:** The Bush administration seeks authority from Congress to allow the Treasury Department to buy up to \$700 billion in bad mortgage assets from private investment companies.



**Nov. 4:** Barack Obama is elected President.

**Dec. 9:** Illinois Governor, Rod Blagojevich accused of selling Obama's Senate seat.

## 2009

**Jan. 15:** US Airways flight 1549 crashes into Hudson River, all 155 aboard survive.

**Jan. 20:** President Barack Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden sworn into office.



**Jan. 27:** Octuplets born to California woman.

**Feb. 9:** A-Rod of the Yankees admits to using performance-enhancing drugs.

**Feb. 12:** Special Court rules that vaccinations not the cause of Autism.

**Mar. 6:** Unemployment rate hits 8.1%, the highest since 1983.

**Apr. 2:** Olympic committee visits Chicago to receive final proposal to hold Olympics in 2016.

**June 13:** The Rush Medical College Class of 2009 graduates!



# Class Profile

## Where we are from:

### Undergraduate Colleges:



University of Notre Dame Johns Hopkins University Stanford University Wheaton College University of Wisconsin  
Northwestern University University of Michigan University of California, Santa Barbara Brown University Miami University  
North Park University University of Chicago Central Michigan University University of California, Irvine Knox College  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Tulane University University of Rochester Purdue University Emory University  
Illinois Wesleyan University University of Toronto University of Tennessee Vanderbilt University Colorado College  
University of Hawaii at Manoa University of North Carolina UCLA University of South Florida Millikin University  
University of Illinois at Chicago University of Minnesota Illinois Institute of Technology Loyola University New Orleans  
Benedictine University University of Pennsylvania University of Richmond Indiana University Case Western Reserve University  
Midwestern University Northern Illinois University Saint Xavier University University of Iowa Saint Louis University  
Dartmouth College Northeastern University Boston University University of California, Berkeley Loyola University Chicago  
Florida A&M University Lawrence University University of Colorado at Boulder Colgate University University of Massachusetts

### Postgraduate Education:

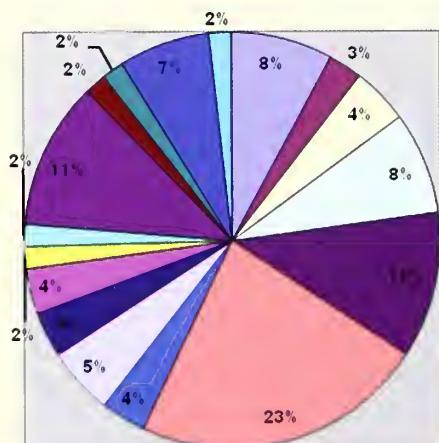
Eight students have a Master's Degree

One Student has a Master's of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

One student has a Ph.D.

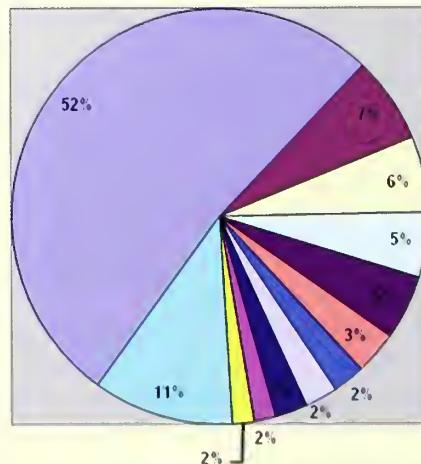
## Where we are going:

### Postgraduate Appointments by Specialty



- Anesthesiology
- Dermatology
- Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Medicine
- Med/Peds
- Neurology
- OB/Gyn
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Physical Med & Rehab
- Psychiatry
- Surgery
- Urology

### Postgraduate Appointments by State



- Illinois
- Michigan
- Wisconsin
- California
- Texas
- Missouri
- Alabama
- Massachusetts
- New York
- Indiana
- Oregon
- Other

Other includes one of each: AZ, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, LA, MN, NC, OH, PA, SC, WA

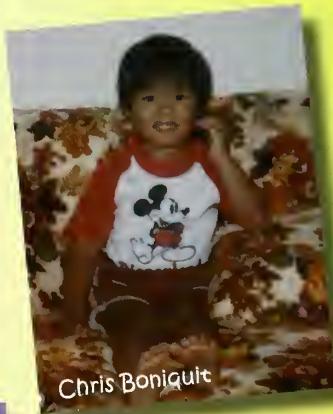
## *Remembering the Many Good Times...*

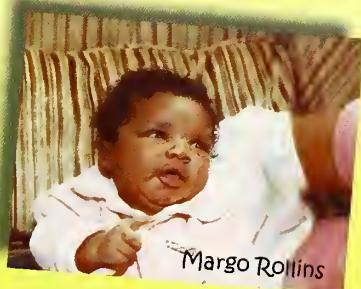
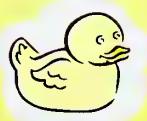
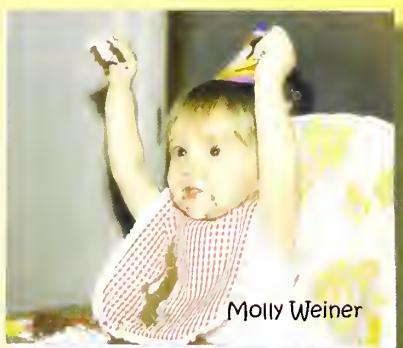
Running the Shamrock Shuffle in 2007 with my fellow Rush M2s • Kaufman's ass party email • three people passing out simultaneously outside of the ORs on the first day of surgery • long walks on the beach • TGIFs • Rush softball tournament • attempting to elicit an Achilles reflex on a patient that was on the bedside commode • Neha's "hey baby" Great America email • post-exam parties • Lawrence putting a foot cover on his head thinking it was a scrub cap • walking in on my resident breastfeeding in the call room • the love note Neha sent to the entire class • When a patient asked Brian Ching "what would you like on your tombstone?" To which he responded "pepperoni and cheese" • Falling asleep in lecture after eating and waking up with a mouthful of peanuts • During anatomy when Andrea Toulson and I managed to hang 16 hemostats from Molly Weiner's lab coat • the week after our final exams finished during M1/M2 years • every AMSA conference • when Jose met Paul Farmer and was all starry-eyed for the next 3 days • the trip to the Dominican Republic with Dr. Wang's group • trips to taco grill • when Dr. Michael was teaching lactation in physiology and would cup his hands every time he said the word "breast" • running the 2006 marathon • Spring Break '06 in Tampa • Jon Kaufman's mom's special bags of "sugar" • meeting the scary monsters at the Star Trek convention in our Las Vegas hotel • traveling around the country for residency interviews • being on steering committee at CHC • when patients thought you were the "real" doctor • IM football • watching the sun rise over Lake Michigan • the AMSA half page we donated to the yearbook that included Jose Gonzalez in a bunny suit, Brian Ching dressed as royalty, Rachel Osborn with 2 broken arms, and photo-shopping Nikki Joshi's head on Allison Kirk's body • making trips to North Avenue beach in the summertime for beach volleyball or drinks at Castaways • Dr. Pierce answering the phone via hands-free earpiece while operating • successfully placing my patient's a-line • spending time with the closest friends I never would have met had I not come to Rush • dancing at weddings, playing flip-cup, swimming at the lake-house • hemostating during anatomy • endless talks with Regina about boys and school and balancing our personal and professional lives • Shari and Caelan driving through the Scottish Highlands and looking for the elusive "heeland coo" • prom at Rachel's place • Shari convincing CPD to give her and Caelan a ride to Michelle's condo in the back of a squad car and then the cop slipping Caelan his phone number • Halloween shenanigans • Jose and Liza's delicious dinners • countless "misery loves company" bonding experiences • Calvin on rounds with arms akimbo and looking skyward while rubbing his lower lip with his index and middle fingers • telling the mock patient I was to perform a rectal exam on, "Hi, my name is Jose and I'm here for the rectal exam" • Molly Weiner: "who wants to go to Equator...I mean visit the Ecuador in Equator?"

## *and the few Bad Times...*

Working 110 hours my first week of surgery at Rush North Shore and that being "okay" because the 80 hours is "averaged over 4 weeks" • locking myself in my undergrad's library for 15 hour days while I studied for the boards • the first time I saw a patient die on trauma surgery • making the commute to Aurora, Desplaines, Joliet, and Worth for clinics on any number of rotations • Dr. Jones' vaccination email that included threats of deans letter consequences and threats of getting kicked out of medical school • Dr. Strauss making me do every rectal or pelvic exam that came into the Cook County ER • ABP prices • after spending 2 hours to take a detailed history from my patient, finding out on rounds that the patient was moved to isolation for possible TB • 30 hour calls without sleeping • waiting for my Step 1 score- an insider revealed to me that the exams are individually graded by a 57 year old woman working no longer than 4 hours a day and the final results are hand delivered by camel to another USMLE employee • waiting for match results • feeling frustrated with the Stroger system and politics • all my bad times are blocked out • General Surgery • dealing with OB/GYN residents • disimpacting my patient at 2AM on my last IM call night M3 year • when Geno got pooped on • feeling the wrath of the Rush cafeteria and heading straight to "the office" • having a 90-year old lady vomit on me so hard that her dentures landed in my lap

# Baby Steps





# *Weddings and Engagements*



Courtney & Nathan Adams



Jenny Kim & Ben Schneider



Tamanna Masqati & Ali Mithani



Dorothy Ambrogi & Brendan Todt



Laura & Vikram Setlur



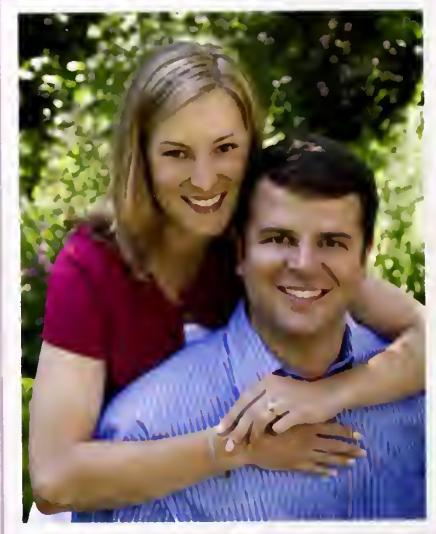
Megan Morley & Scott Peters



Jessica Hwang & Keith Lertsburapa



Jill Anderson & Evan DeMond



Allison Kirk & Ryan Babuich



Praveen Mogill & Ankur Patel



Katherine Gehlmann &  
Cris Connor



Michelle Chevalier & Ryan Carr



Andrea Toulson & Alvin Bataan



Reetu Gowdar & Will Sanders



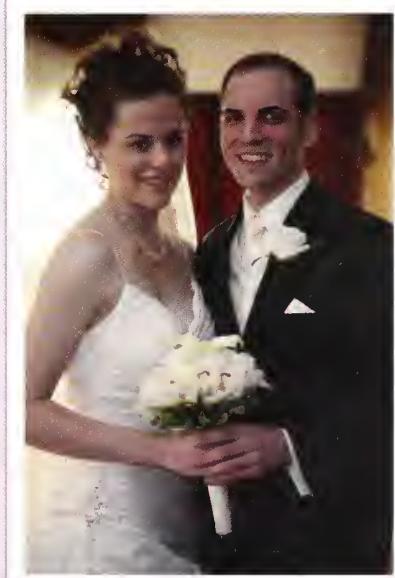
Jennifer Damlich & Paul Balash



Helen Tewelde & Desale Hab



Danielle Kramer & Danny Bega



Elisabeth & Jordan Samuels



# Community Service



## RCSIP

The Rush Community Service Initiatives Program is a collection of clinical and non-clinical volunteer opportunities for Rush Medical College students.

Included are the following clinical programs:  
Community Health Clinic, Franciscan, Pilsen, Mobile Van, and CCIL.



## RU Caring

Rush University Caring program is a multidisciplinary community service program that is dedicated to helping local Chicago communities by providing health care fairs, back to school health exams, and educational lectures to school children and their parents. It is run by Rush University students of multiple disciplines, and it is guided by the vision of Sharon Gates .



The Volunteers

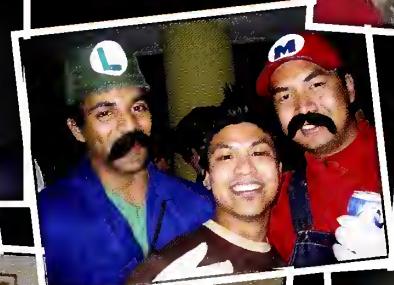
Sharon Gates







Happy Halloween



All our hard work...



... deserves a little stress relief!







All work and no play...





...make us all very dull people!



# MOST LIKELY TO...

PIMP AS AN INTERN



BRIAN GOSS

KATHLEEN HAYES

APPEAR IN THE MEDIA



AJAY YADLAPATI

NIKKI JOSHI

HAVE A DISEASE NAMED AFTER THEM



JONATHAN CHEPONIS

DIANA GUSE

DRIVE A MINIVAN



MUFADAL MOOSABHOY

ALLISON KIRK

BE RESIDENT OF THE YEAR



YASIR KAZMI

JESSICA SINNOTT

DATE THEIR MEDICAL STUDENT



JON KAUFMAN

MICHELLE TOTORELLO

WEAR CUT-OFF SCRUBS/ HIGH HEELS WITH SCRUBS



ERIK SKULBORSTAD

ANNA CHRISTOFF

DATE THEIR ATTENDING



TOM WILLSON

LIZ MARSH

BE A PRO-SPORTS DOC



BRYAN ROYCE

REGINA RODMAN

BE A RUSH-LIFER



DAVID  
FOX



SHARI  
BRANDLI

FUNNIEST



SILAS HOXIE



MICHELLE  
TORTORELLO

BE SURGEON  
GENERAL



RACHEL  
OSBORN

JOSE  
GONZALEZ

LEAD 5 MINUTE ROUNDS



JENNY  
YOO

PAUL  
BALASH

LEAD 7 HOUR ROUNDS



JONATHAN  
CHEPONIS

CAELAN  
JOHNSON

BEST DRESSED



KEVIN  
NGUYEN

COURTNEY  
PIGOTT

MOST ATHLETIC



COLIN  
BRANDT



LIZ  
MARSH

CLUMSIEST



ALI  
MITHANI



NEHA  
PATEL

BIGGEST FLIRT



MARK  
HINTON



LIZ  
MARSH

BIGGEST GOSSIP



CALVIN  
MOY

MARGO  
ROLLINS

# MATCH DAY



# MARCH 19, 2009



Hey, where'd you match?

Hi Mom...



Go NU!





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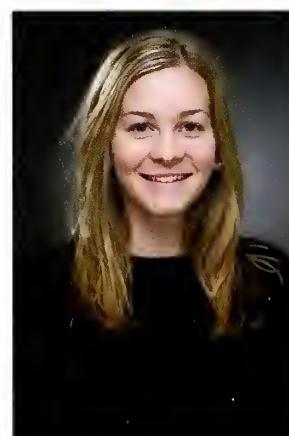
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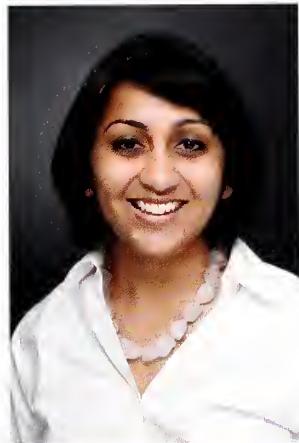
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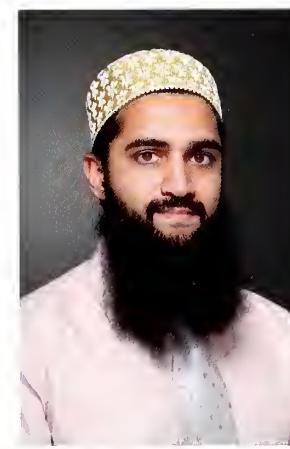


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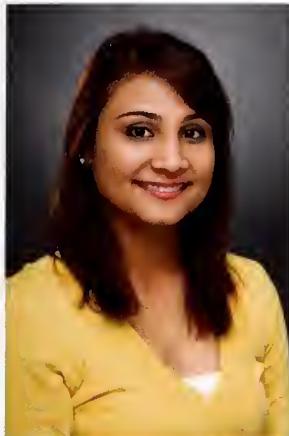
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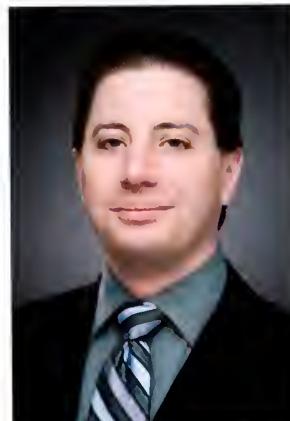


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## Advice to the new doctors...

"We are treating people, not receptors."

Dr. William Miles,  
Psychiatry Attending

"It is and always will be, about your Patients. They should remain the focal point of everything you do and nothing else matters. Your devotion and dedication to them should be second to none"

Dr. Syed H. Shah  
Internal Medicine Attending

"Remember to take the necessary time out for yourselves and your family. Best wishes to all of you and Godspeed." Dr. Madhu Soni, Neurology Attending

"If you do what is best for the patient, you will never worry about the hours worked nor the money made."

Dr. John Butsch,  
General Surgery Attending

Be Kind, Be Caring  
Be Generous and Behave.

Dr. James M. Williams, PhD.  
Professor of Anatomy

"For your sake and those of your patients, adult learning is life long. It doesn't end after medical school or residency, so keep pushing yourselves." Dr. Edmundo Cortez, Pediatrics Attending

"In the words of the Dalai Lama: if you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."

Dr. Robert Leven, PhD.  
Histology Course Director

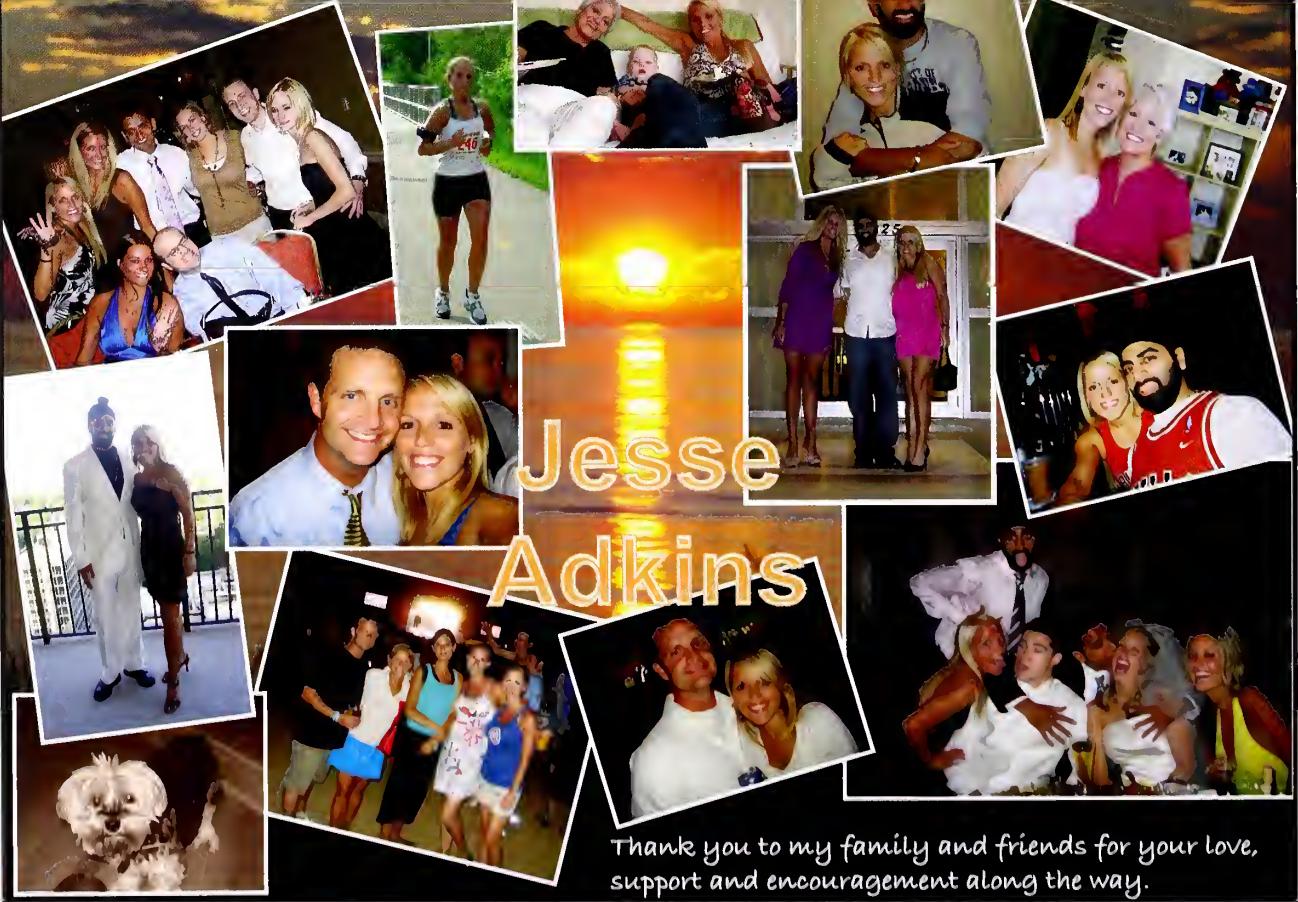
"I always encourage my students to "QUESTION THE ANSWER" instead of accepting the answer as a gospel."

Dr. Sushil Bagri  
Psychiatry Attending

"Apply the Golden Rule to medicine. Treat every patient like you would want to be treated. Talk to their families like you would expect a physician to talk to your own. Enjoy practicing medicine."

Dr. Omar Lateef,  
Critical Care Attending

All good things come to an end...



Thank you to my family and friends for your love, support and encouragement along the way.

# Astha Agrawal

"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere."



# Jill Anderson



We did it! Congratulations!

To everyone who helped me along the way... THANK YOU!!!



I want to thank my parents for their support and always believing in me. I also want to thank my fiancée Jen for showing me what true love really is, and for putting up with some of my hobbies. I had a great time at Rush and met some incredible people along the way.



## Danny Bega

Thank you to my family and friends for all your love and support.



"The life so short, the craft so long to learn"  
-Hippocrates





*Much love and thanks to all my family and friends.  
What a great four years!*

*Chris Boniquit*



### Shari Brandli

Thanks to my family for their support and to my friends for some great memories!



Colin Thomas Brandt



Every new beginning  
comes from some  
other beginning's  
end . . .

Michelle Chevalier

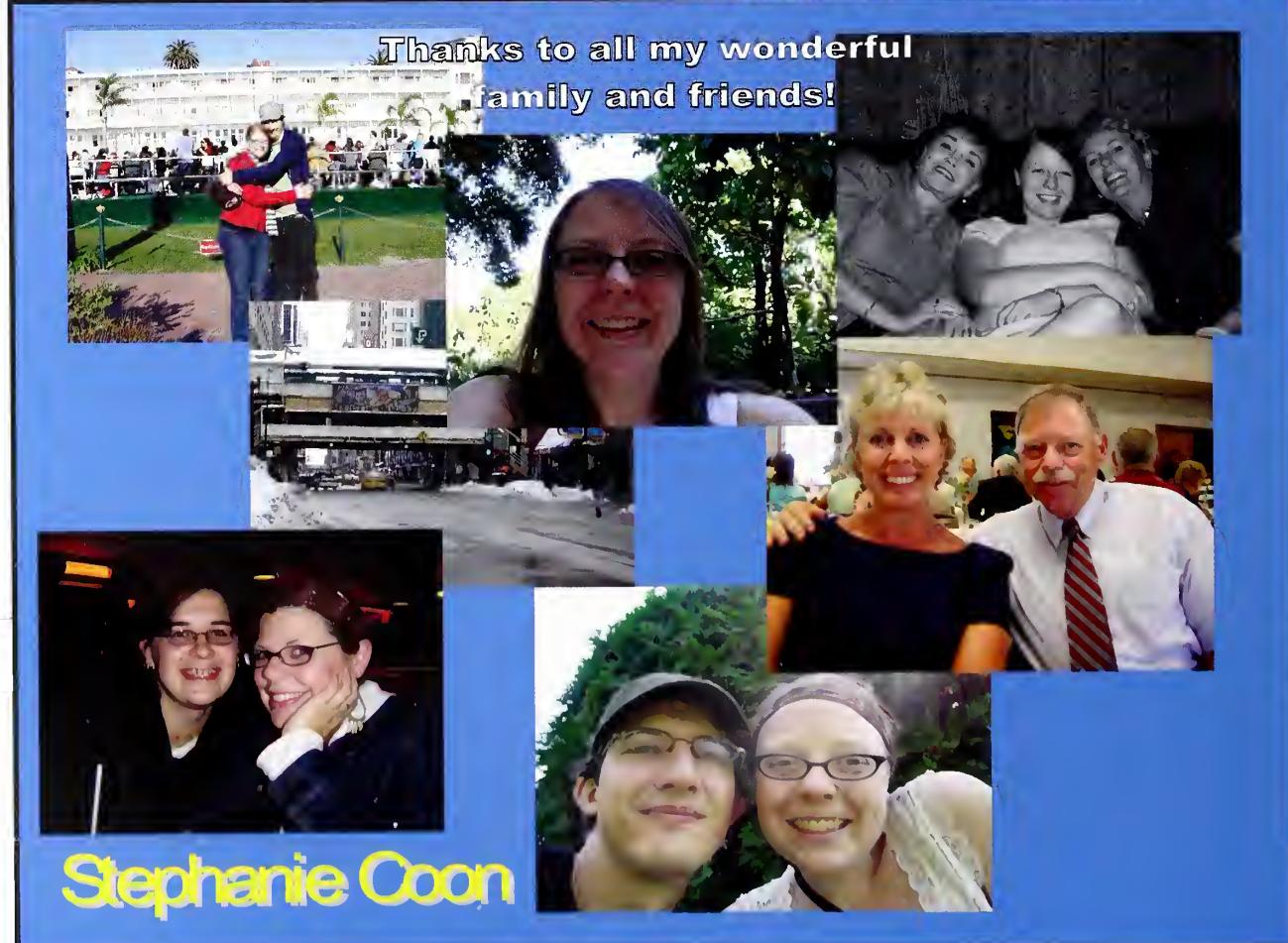
*Thanks to all my friends for all the great times we shared! Thanks to Ryan and my family for all your love and support. It has been an amazing journey...*



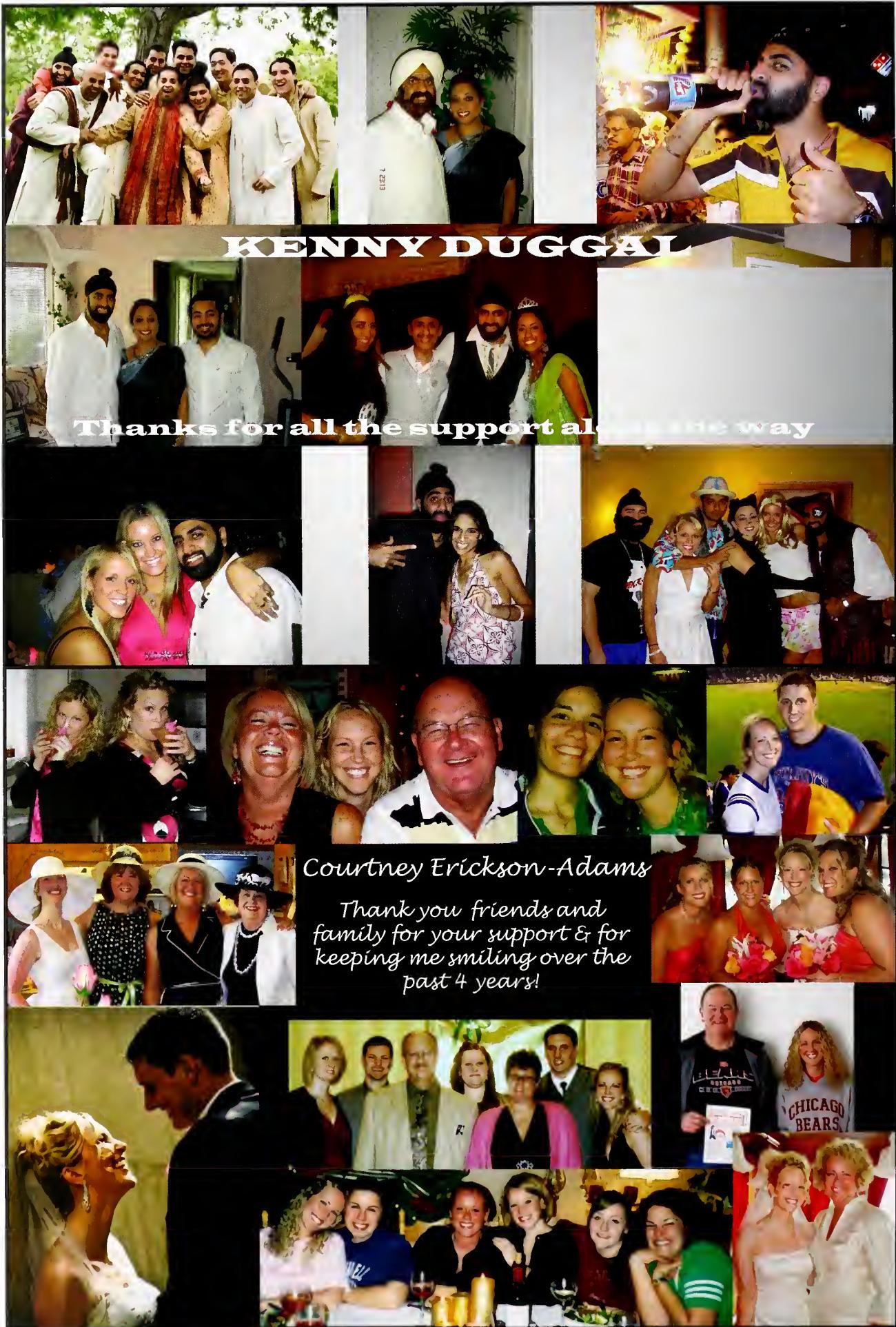
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Thanks for all of the great memories!







# Lesley • • Felsten •

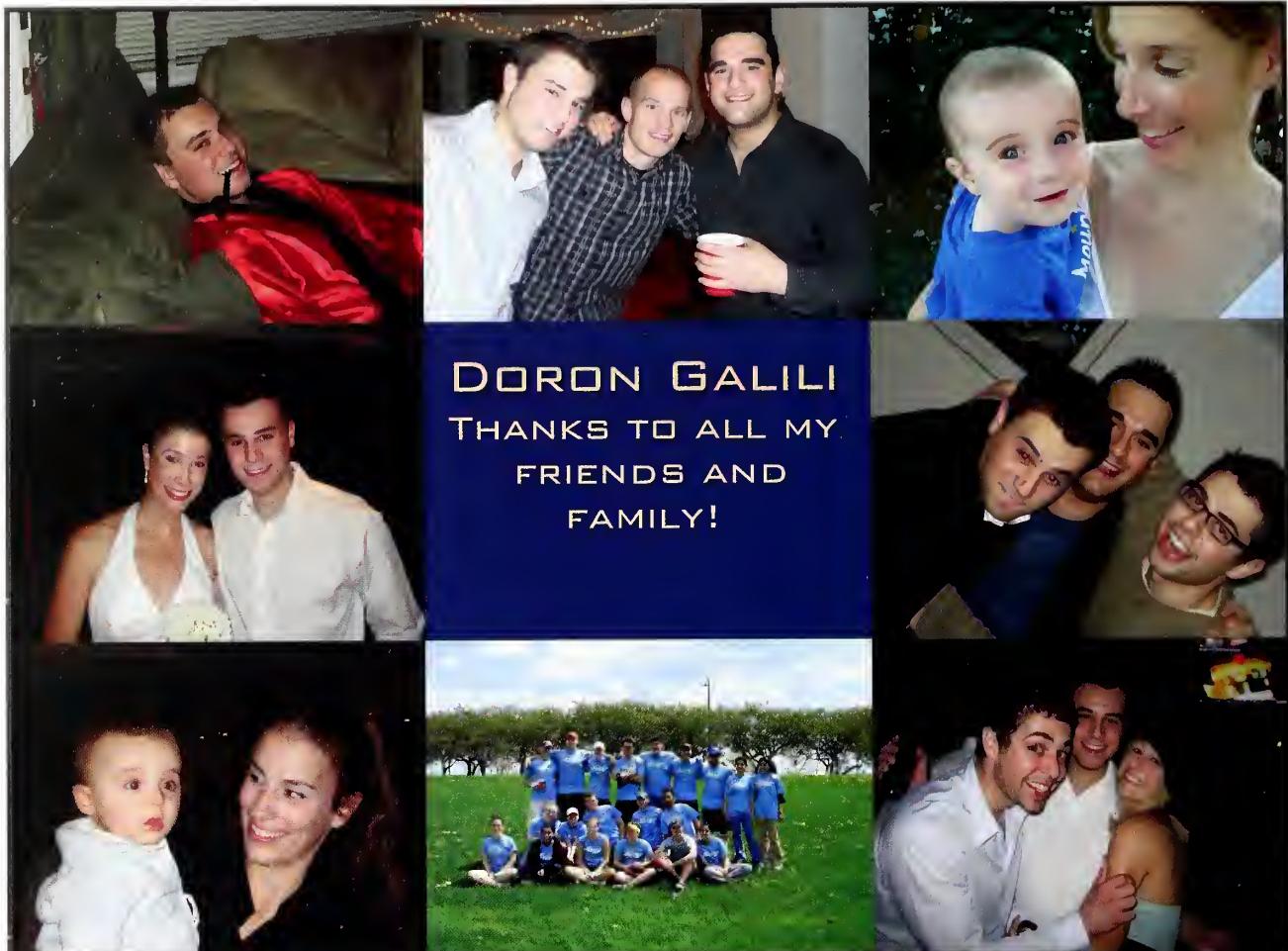


Thanks for all the good times, laughs, love, and friendship throughout the years!



## David Fox





**DORON GALILI**  
THANKS TO ALL MY  
FRIENDS AND  
FAMILY!



Fluent Lingo™

Thank-you to all my friends and family! You guys rock! B

\* Rishi Garg

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JADE BIOMED

## You know you have great parents when...



your dad finishes his beer before playing with you.



the only thing your mom's socks match is the furniture.



your mom knits your sister full body outfits.



your dad regularly sets wild animals loose in the house.



your parents convince your brother that "cowboy" is a legitimate halloween costume twice.



you're not allowed to rollerblade in the house, but your sister can ride a duck in the kitchen.



your mom hides halloween items and gives them to you for christmas.



your parents don't notice the bells palsy afflicting your sister but everyone is dressed nicely.

To:

*My friends –*

*so many, from medical school and before,*

*My family –*

*Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, Jonathan, Dad, Sherry, Daniel, Allison, Emily, and so many more,*

*And Leena –*

*The one and only.*

*I will always be grateful for the love, support, and encouragement you have offered over the years.*



*You have always pushed me to reach new heights. Thank you all.*

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Before I was a doctor, I was a mother...



KATHLEEN HAYES BROWN

...and that's how it always will be.

*Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.*

*Calvin Coolidge*

### NATHAN HEINZERLING



To those who have made this journey possible, thank you. The last four years have been a phenomenal experience. They have shaped me into a better person and physician than I ever imagined. To my family and friends, I will forever be grateful for your sacrifices and support. To my peers, it has been an honor having you as my classmates and I look forward to working with you in the future.

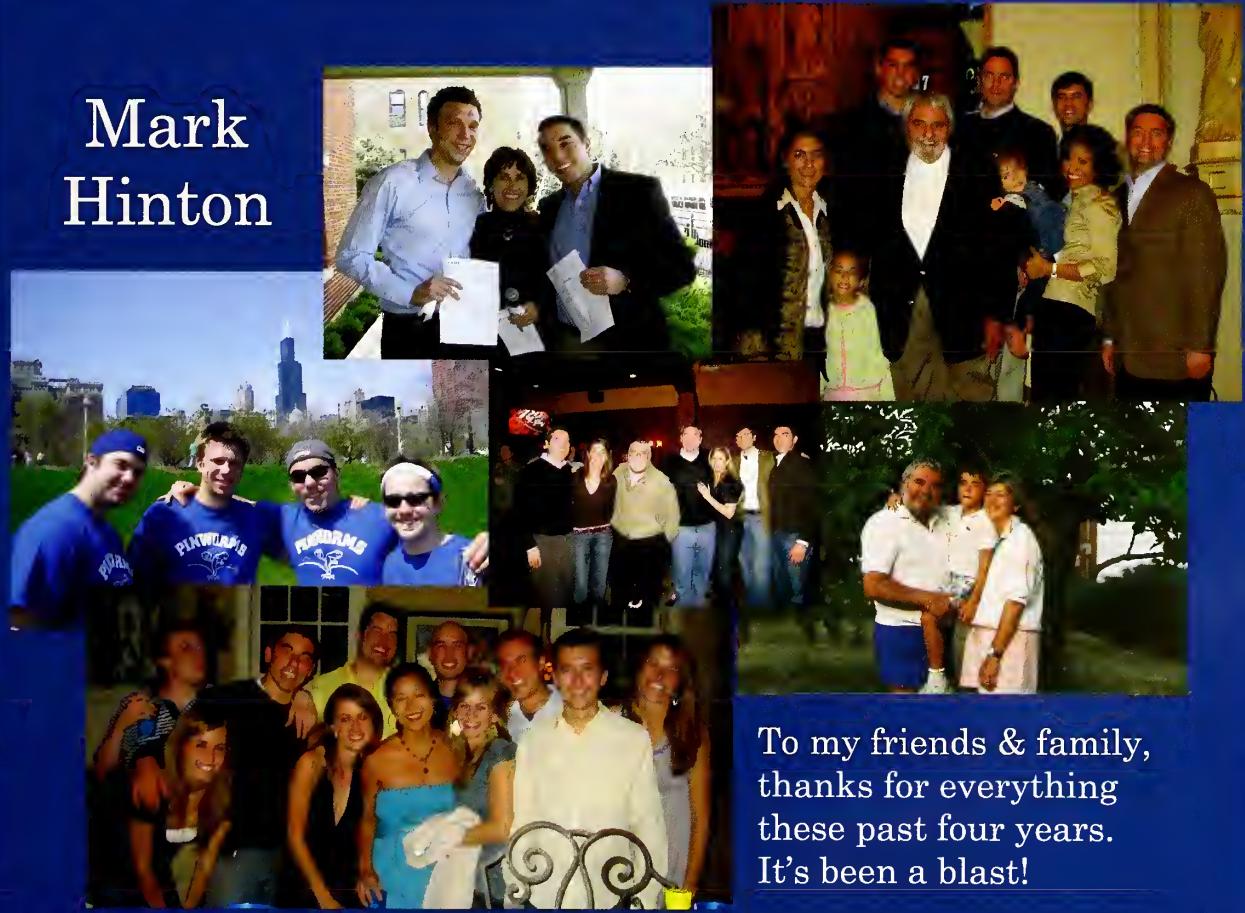




BRAD HEWLETT

*Thank you to my family and friends for your support and encouragement!*

## Mark Hinton



To my friends & family,  
thanks for everything  
these past four years.  
It's been a blast!



Practicing rectal exam



## THANKS TO ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



"For the father, who once guided us...  
For the brother, who once inspired us."  
~Jamal Wallace

And for Mom.

I love you all.

Silas



Thanks to my amazing family and friends!  
Best of luck class of 2009!





We barely knew where  
babies came from M1 year,  
and just look at us now! I'm  
gonna miss you crazy kids!  
Thanks for a great 4 years!  
:)caelan

## Today is the first day of the rest of your life!



Thank you to  
my family  
and Doug. I  
owe this  
medical  
degree to you  
for the love  
and support I  
have received  
from you.  
Without your  
support, I  
would not be  
who I am  
today!

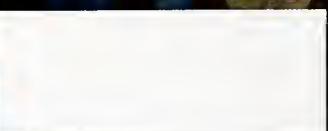
Love always,  
Nikita Joshi



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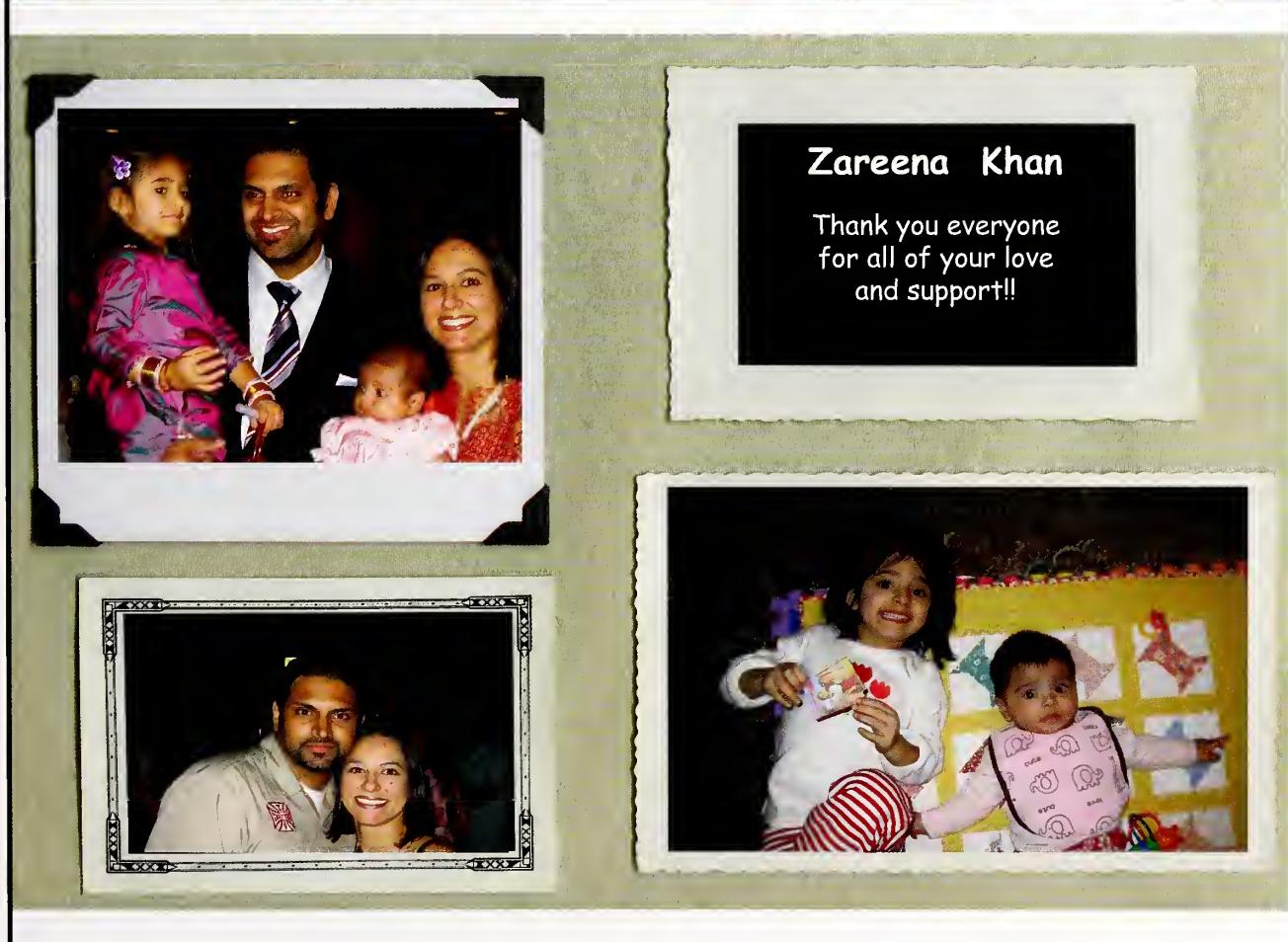


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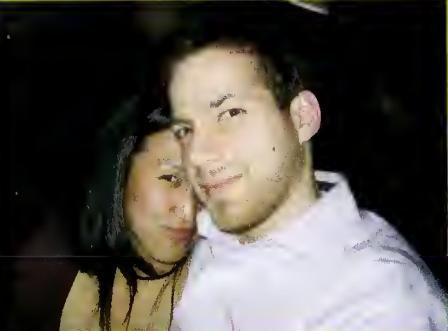


Thanks for all of the good times!!!





## Six Important Reasons why Jenny Kim is moving to Portland, OR (brought to you by her friends who are pretty much jerks)



1. This guy promised to buy her a new, enomorously fat pug if she did



2. She thought this girl wouldn't be able to follow her there... (she's wrong)



3. She's hoping someday this might be a real baby



5. They're prepared to let her play Doctor everyday! (I mean that in the creepiest manner possible)



6. Her future's pretty bright, but she's hoping she won't need shades there



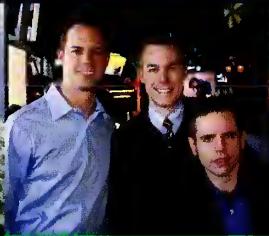
ALLISON KIRK  
BABIUCH



"I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks."

~William Shakespeare

## Amy Kule



*"Successful is the person  
who has lived well,  
laughed often, and loved much,  
who has gained the respect of  
children, who leaves the world  
better than they found it, who  
has never lacked appreciation  
for the earth's beauty,  
who never fails to look for the  
best in others, or give the best  
of themselves."*



*Steve Larsen*



# ♪ Jennifer Liu

## ~ Remember To Forget ~

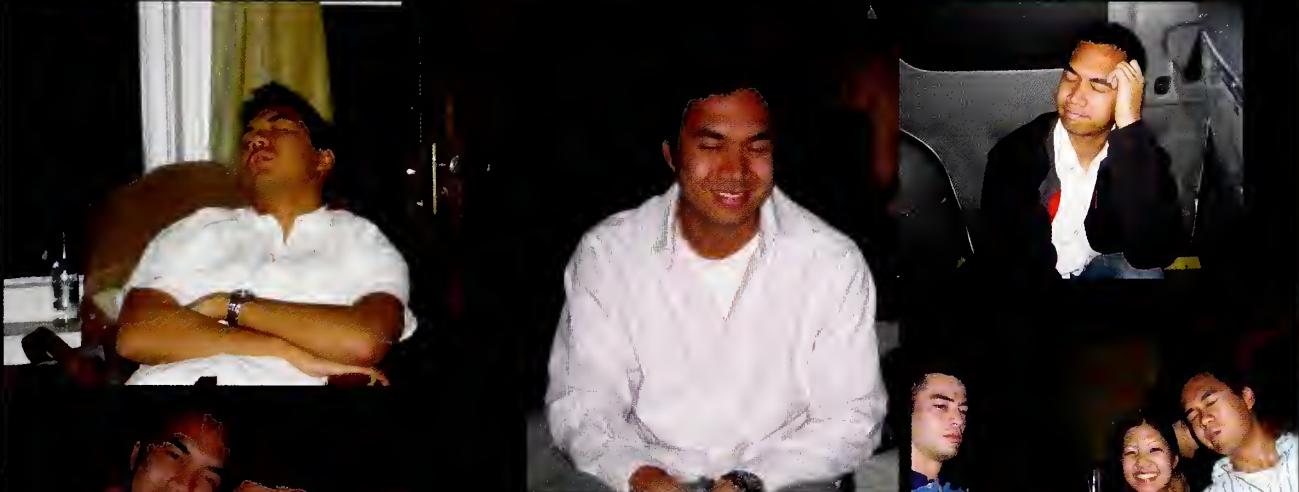
Always remember to forget  
The things that made you sad.  
But never forget to remember  
The things that made you glad.

Always remember to forget  
The friends that proved untrue.  
But never forget to remember  
Those that have stuck by you.

Always remember to forget  
The troubles that passed away.  
But never forget to remember  
The blessings that come each day.

~Anonymous~

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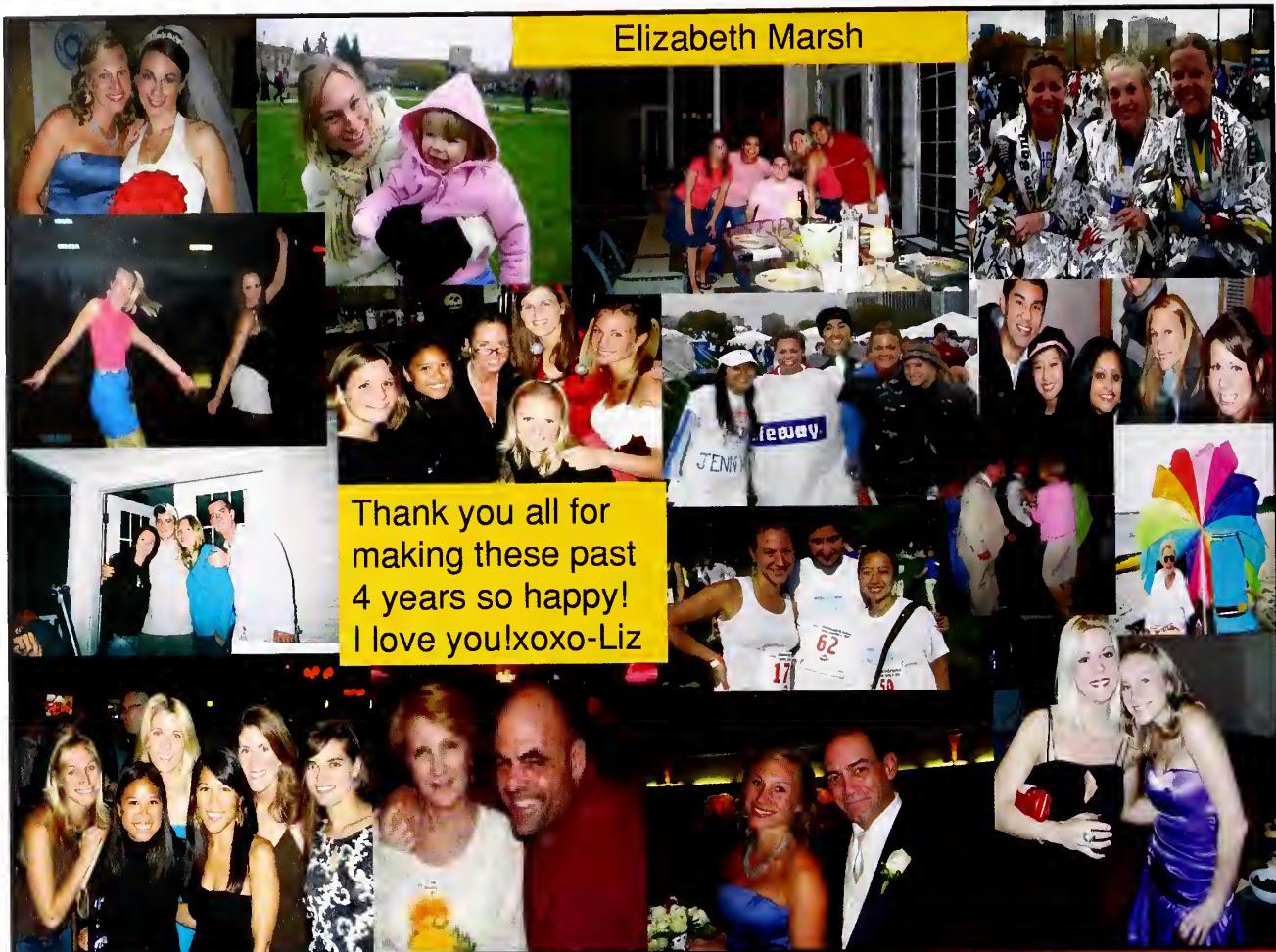


Christian Malalis



Working in a dark room may pose certain challenges as a radiologist.

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Thank you all for  
making these past  
4 years so happy!  
I love you!xoxo-Liz

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*My graduation is dedicated to my Dad, Mom, Akbar Bhai, & Shelina Bhabhi. I am a doctor today because of their support and hard work. I promise to never leave your side. I also thank Allah for always being their and for finding my soul mate, Tamanna!!!*



# Ayesha Mohammed



Thanks to my family and friends for your love and support through medical school...



especially to my wife  
for dealing with me on  
those post-call days...

and my two angels for helping me remember what's  
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Megan Morley -

Thank You: my family for their unending support, my friends for the time of my life, and my fiance Scott for being my everything.



Dedicated to my late Grandfather  
Dr. Toshio Muramoto, M.D. (1916-2003)



*Memoria in aeterna.*

## Kevin Nguyen



Sexy at an early age.



I'm asian. By default need to include a pic of me doing kungfu.

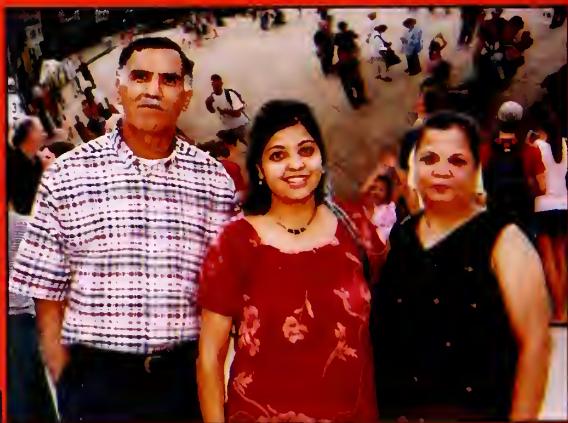
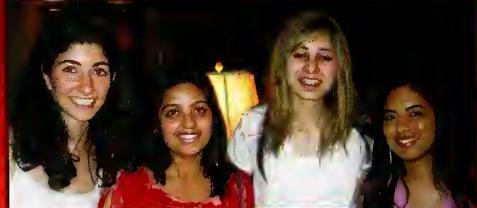


Thug life



Me and my bro. Thanks for everything Andrew.....I love you man.

To my loving parents, brother, and friends.....thanks guys for your love and support.....without you guys I would not be where I am today.



Dipika Oberoi





To my family, for their  
unending support,

To my friends, for making it  
fun,

THANK YOU!

--Liza Ortiz



"And they're gonna let  
ME be a doctor..."

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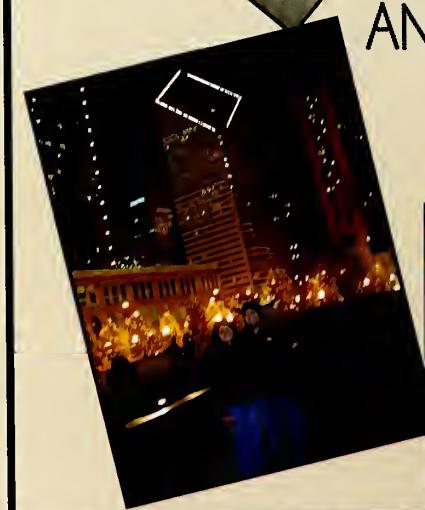
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Love you!

Thank you everyone ,for everything  
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**ANKUR PATEL**  
**THANK YOU!!!**





"Strangely enough, this is the past that somebody in the future is longing to go back to"

Neha Patel

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Tushar Patel

To my family, friends, and Sneha ... Thank You.





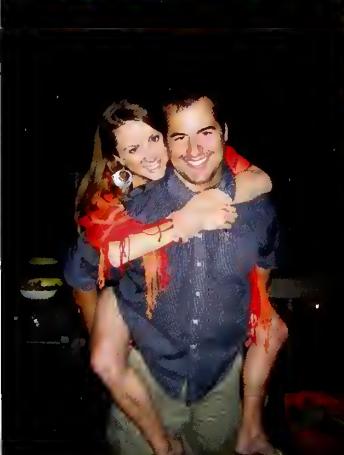
Yes We Can!  
Yes We Will!  
**YES I DID!**

Thanks to the greatest study partner ever, my family, friends and loved ones who helped me along the way!



## Bryan Royce

To my friends and family, thank you for all of your support



# WILL SANDERS

TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND  
FAMILY - THANK YOU FOR ALL  
YOUR HELP. I COULD NOT HAVE  
DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!



Thank you for all the love and support!

Carly Elizabeth Seaberg





**Here's to a great 4 years!!**

**Laura McDaniel Setlur**



*You are my courage, my strength,  
my hope, my love.*

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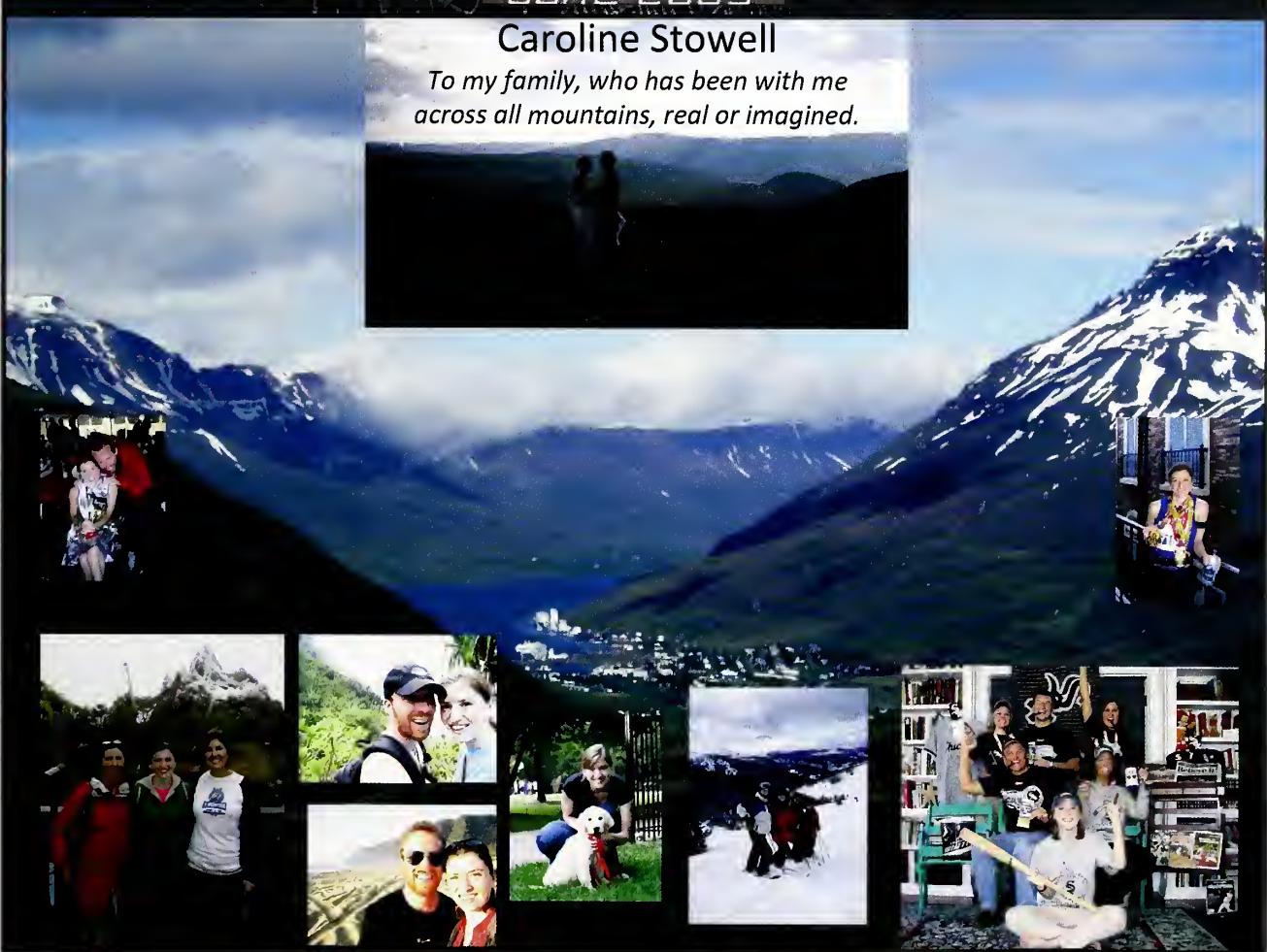
Thank you to my family and friends but most especially my parents, grandparents and godparents who raised me under the belief and continuously encourage me that anything in the world that is dreamable is absolutely and indefinitely achievable with a little bit of hard work and dedication.





### Caroline Stowell

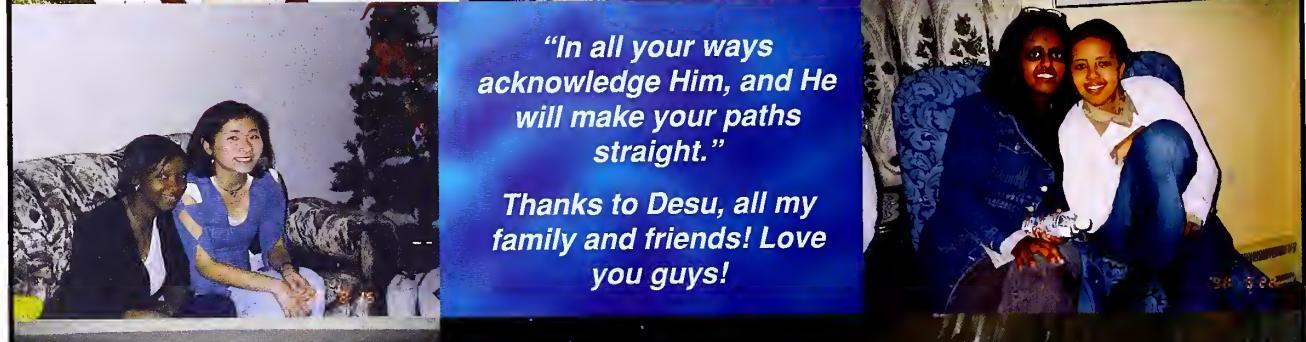
*To my family, who has been with me  
across all mountains, real or imagined.*



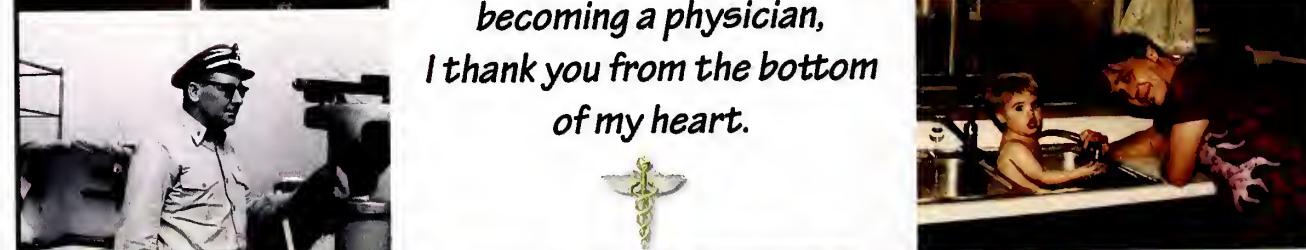


*"In all your ways  
acknowledge Him, and He  
will make your paths  
straight."*

*Thanks to Desu, all my  
family and friends! Love  
you guys!*



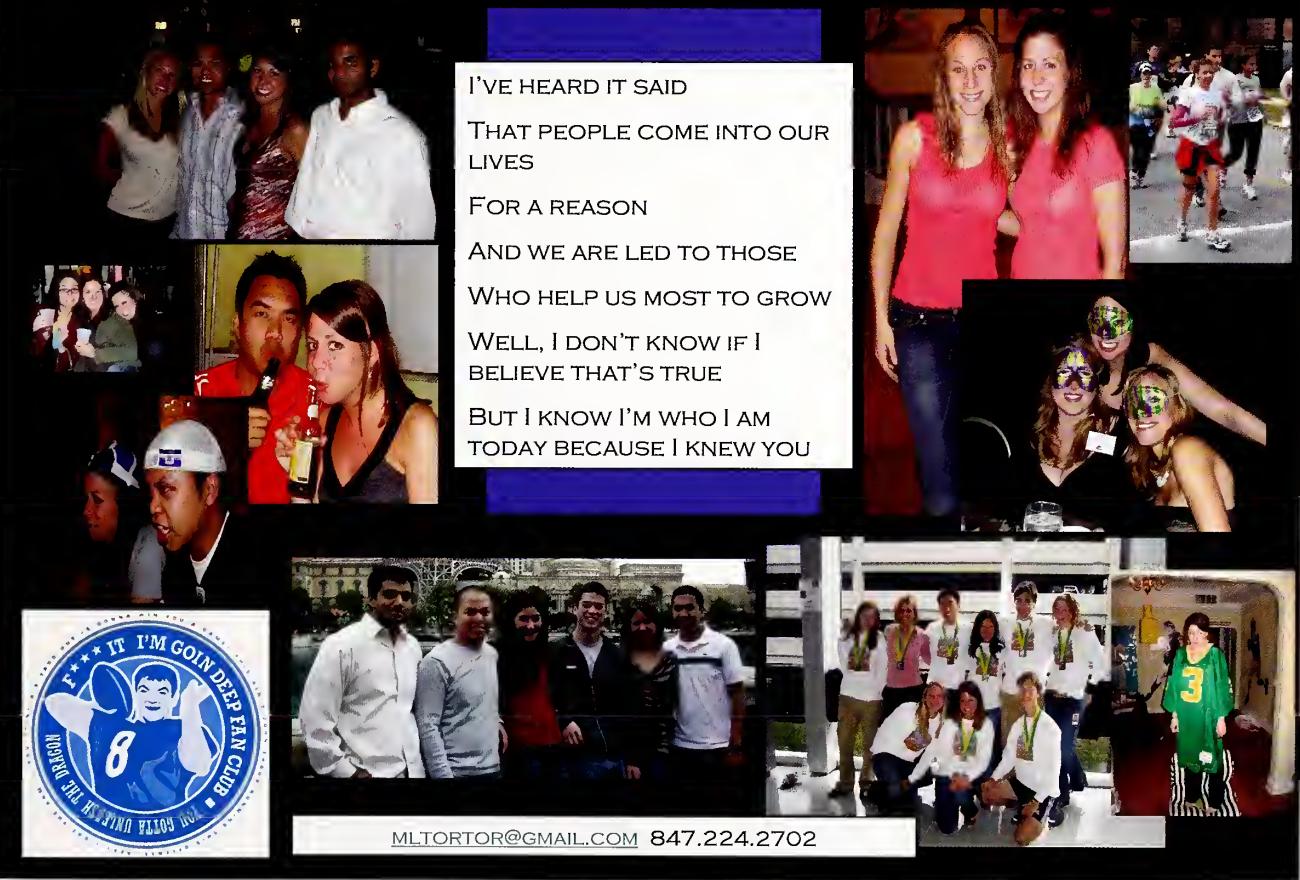
*To those of you in my life who  
have been instrumental in my  
becoming a physician,  
I thank you from the bottom  
of my heart.*





## MICHELLE TORTORELLO

I'VE HEARD IT SAID  
THAT PEOPLE COME INTO OUR LIVES  
FOR A REASON  
AND WE ARE LED TO THOSE  
WHO HELP US MOST TO GROW  
WELL, I DON'T KNOW IF I  
BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE  
BUT I KNOW I'M WHO I AM  
TODAY BECAUSE I KNEW YOU



# Andrea Toulson

From the first terrifying day of medical school a lot has changed. I met some amazing, fun people. Who knew mid-westerners were so normal? I'm counting on the fact that we will all be friends for a long time even with the thousands of miles that might come between us. If we can make it through the next few years we can make it through anything! In retrospect, we probably weren't sure if we would make it through the last four years and that turned out ok... I will miss you all very much. Thanks for making med school so fun and...

Thanks for being my friend!!



M1



# Beth Weldon

M2



Four years of  
hard work, fun  
memories, and  
great friends...



Thank you to  
everyone who  
made them so  
special



M3



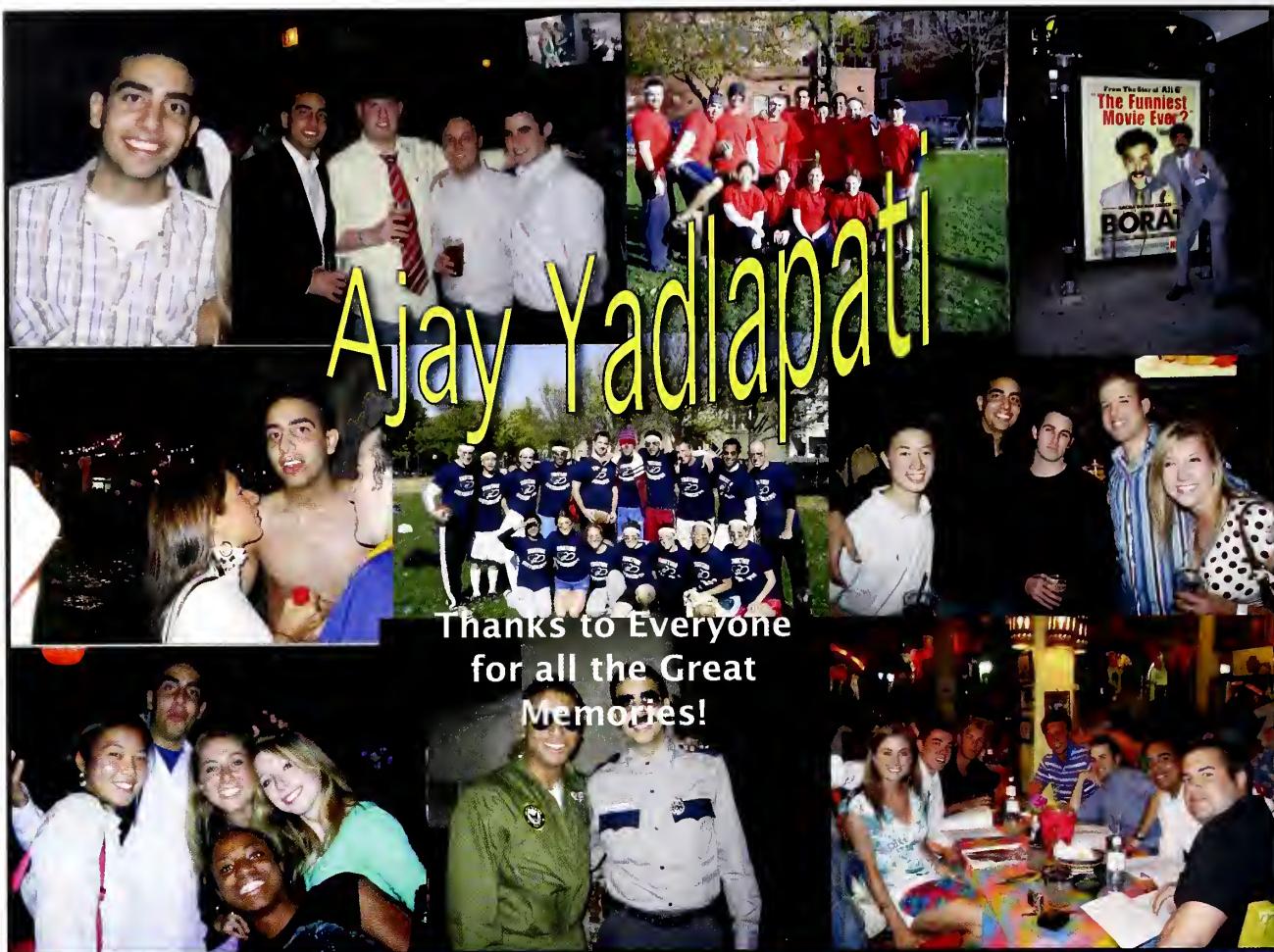
M4



To my family and  
friends: Thank  
you so much for  
always being  
there and making  
the journey fun.

Love,  
Stephanie Whyte





Thanks to Everyone  
for all the Great  
Memories!

## *Travis Yamanaka*



*To all my family and friends who have supported me and  
made the past four years so much fun. thank you so much*



Jenny Yoo

Dear friends and family, thank you for four incredible years.  
I Could not have done it without your support and laughter!





To all of my friends



and family who have



always been there for me...

## David Yuh



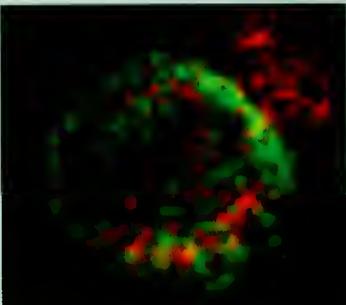
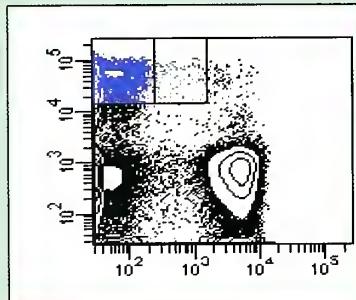
...thank you



and I love you all!



God bless!

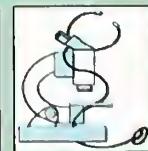
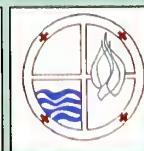


## Andrew Zloza

**To my parents ...** All of your love, support, and sacrifices have helped me to accomplish so much in my life. I love, admire, appreciate and thank you!



**To Dee ...** Thank you for always believing in me, for letting me continually follow my own untraditional paths and for being my life-long best friend and love!



Doctor Nate,

We are filled with great joy and pride as we celebrate your achievement of becoming a doctor. At the early age of eight, you recognized your dream and set your goal, and after many years of hard work and determination you have arrived. You are a compassionate and caring young man and these traits will serve you well. We are blessed to have you as a son and a little brother.

We love you,

Dad, Mom, Chris and Allison



Courtney,

You have always been the sunshine of our lives. Thank you for being a wonderful, loving, kind, happy and dedicated daughter. The road to becoming an M.D. has been long and hard but you never wavered. We are very proud of what you have achieved. Congratulations. You will be a fantastic "Doc!"

Love You Forever,

Mom & Dad



**Dr. Bryan Royce**

Congratulations on your hard work, dedication and amazing achievement.

We love you and are so proud of you!

Your Family

# Congratulations Liz!

## You Did It !

Love,  
your family



Congratulations  
Doctor Laura!!  
We are so proud  
of you! You're the  
best!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Sarah  
& Julie McDaniel



Playing doctor



U of I ice show!



First ice show!

Our dearest Anna,



When you came into our lives you were so tiny that you fit in our open hands, and from such a humble beginning you have never ceased to amaze us with your determination, intellect, and deep joy in living. We are tremendously honored to celebrate your accomplishments this day as you commence your medical career. We love you very much!

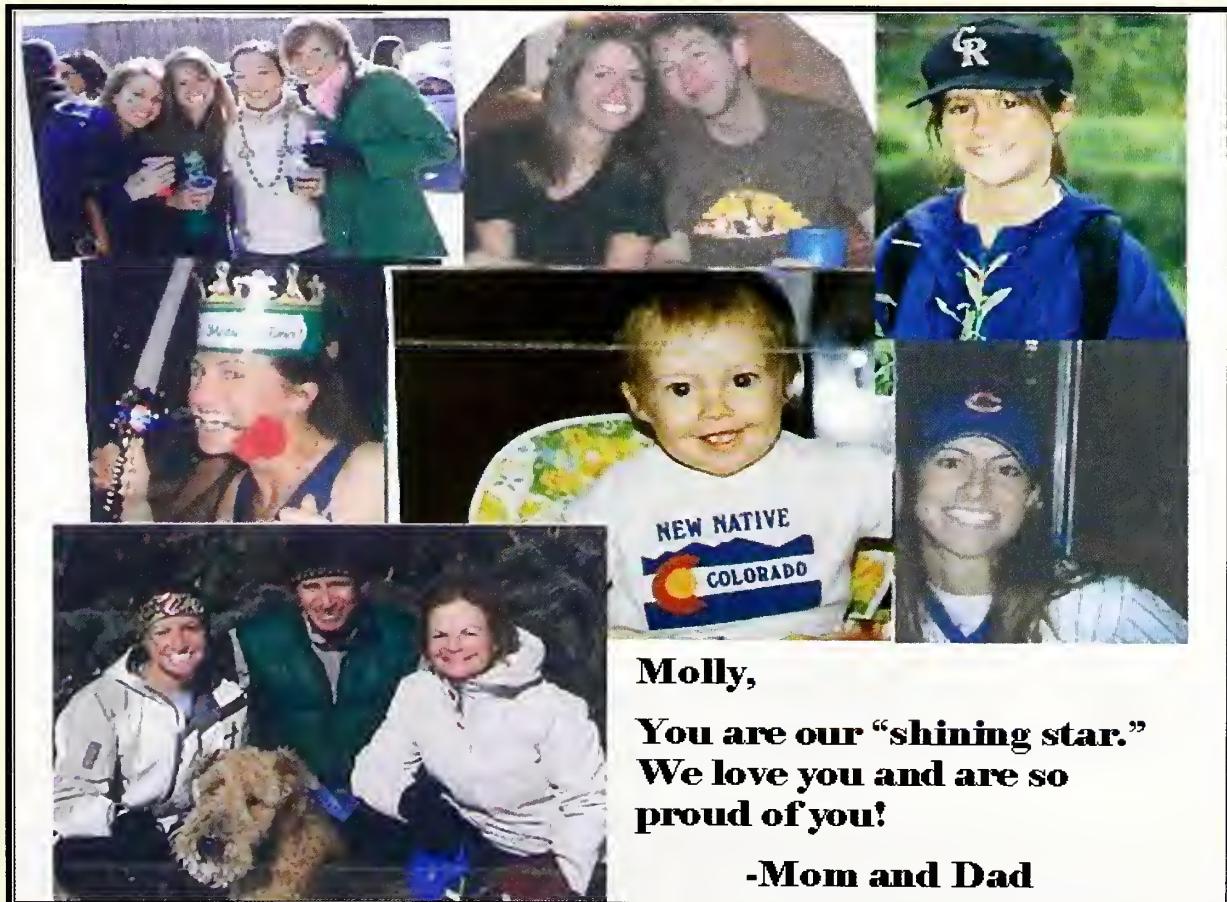
Dad, Mom, Erin,  
and Matthew



Liza M. Ortiz



We are very proud of your accomplishments and love you so much! As a Physician, you will face daunting challenges, always trust your heart and instincts! Acuérdate de la formula ganadora como tener éxito en tu carrera! E = Enfoque x 3, Te queremos, Mami y Papi



**Molly,**

**You are our “shining star.”  
We love you and are so  
proud of you!**

**-Mom and Dad**



## TRAVIS

CONGRATULATIONS FROM ALL YOUR  
FANS AROUND THE WORLD!

FROM MINNESOTA TO CHICAGO TO  
BOSTON TO TOKYO, WE ARE ALL SO  
VERY PROUD OF YOU!!



Michelle,  
Always smiling, Always  
learning, and now a  
lifelong commitment to  
care for people. We  
couldn't be more proud to  
have you as our  
daughter.

Congratulations Doctor T,  
on a long road well-  
traveled.

We Are So Proud Of You!  
Love,  
Mom, Dad and Mike



Congratulations on achieving your well  
deserved success,

— Dr. Megan Elizabeth Morley! —

We love you and wish you all the best!

— Dad, Mom, Mike and Matt —

# **MARK J. HINTON, M.D.**



## **You made it!**

We're really proud of you and know you will be an amazing doctor.

Mom's inspiration became your hard work and determination, and as you take this exciting next step to the emergency room and beyond, we applaud and congratulate you!

Wishing you lots of success and happiness - we love you dearly.

Your family,  
**Dad, David, Kevin, Claudia, Amber, Sophia, Sean, Tory & Keri**





*From babyhood, Caelan Loved to explore the natural world and did not acknowledge boundaries. This picture was taken in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, during the summer of 1982 in the garden of Caelan's grandmother, Irene Sandford Kangas by her grandfather, J. Eugene Kangas.*

We are so very proud of the beautiful baby you were, and the woman and physician you have become.

With all our pride and love,

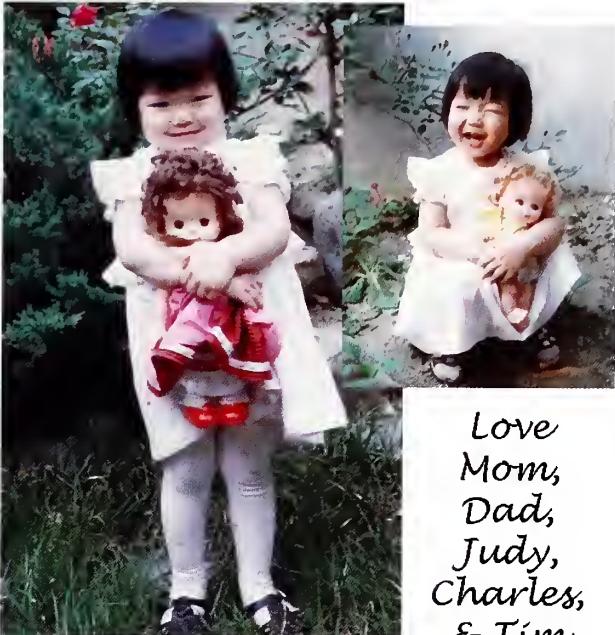
Mom, Dick, Christopher, Popsy and Grams

Stephanie,

From a joyful little girl to a compassionate, spirited and infinitely talented doctor, you have made us so proud! We love you so much, Steph! Congratulations!

With much love,  
Mom, Dad, Kim & Devon

Congratulations Jenny,  
You're a doctor now!  
We are all so proud of you!



Love  
Mom,  
Dad,  
Judy,  
Charles,  
& Tim

Danny,

This day, that marks becoming a doctor, certainly has not snuck up on you overnight. You've worked so very hard to be where and who you are today.

Everyone who has the pleasure of knowing you recognizes your compassion for patients, as well as your pursuit for knowledge.

May your life continue to be full of great accomplishments... Congratulations!

I love you.

You are an inspiration to us all.

# CONGRATULATIONS, COURTNEY!

IT'S TIME  
TO CELEBRATE ALL OF  
YOUR  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS!



We were given a gift on the day you were born.

You were an exceptional child blessed with intellect, compassion, determination, inner & outer beauty. We always knew that you would leave a positive impact on this world, no matter what you chose to do.



**Dr. Courtney Marie Pigott**



You are our Shining Star! We are so proud of you as a daughter, a sister, a woman, a friend, & now as a doctor!

We love you tons!

Love,  
Mom, Dad,  
Jordan & Quinn



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." -H.D.Thoreau-



You have two angels in heaven watching over you. You know how much they wanted to be here to share this day with you. They are in our hearts forever. Mimi & Grandpa, She did it!

# KENNY DUGGAL'S Road to Success

Begin to live life according to your aspirations  
and step towards your chosen goal.  
- Sant Darshan Singh.



Dear Kenny,  
I'm so proud of you! You've made it through med school with your determination, sense of humor and your love of life in every step. You are going to be an amazing doctor, welcome to your MD. It only gets better from here....  
Congratulations!  
Love Didi

Dear Kenny,

We're extremely proud to have you as our son. You have chosen the noble profession of medicine to serve humanity. As a doctor, we know you will heal not only the body but also the mind, heart, and soul of all those you treat. May you bring as much joy into the lives of others as you have brought into ours. Congratulations on your magnificent achievement!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



**CONGRATULATIONS TO MONICA  
AND THE GRADUATING CLASS OF  
2009!**

**WISHING YOU LONG YEARS OF  
SUCCESSFUL AND GRATIFYING  
PRACTICE CAREERS!**

**FROM**

**FIRDAUSI AND SHERENAZ MAZDA**



# CONGRATULATIONS!



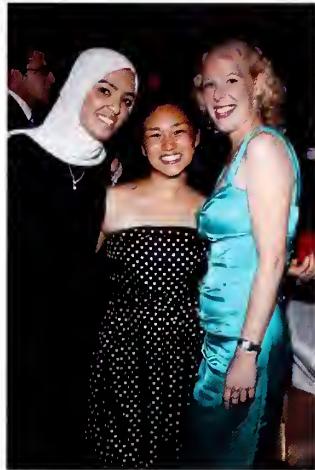
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*CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE CLASS OF 2009!*



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# Congratulations!



## To the Class of 2009

Wishing you all the best in your  
residencies and beyond!



*From,*

*The Department of  
Emergency Medicine*

*AMSA Wishes the Class of 2009...*

# Congratulations!



Good Luck out there, guys....

The Department Of Family Medicine  
is proud to congratulate all the students  
of the graduating class of 2009



*In particular, we are very proud of the  
thirteen students who are entering Family  
Medicine.*



# Congratulations and Best Wishes

FROM  
THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SURGERY  
FACULTY AND STAFF



CONGRATULATIONS,  
CLASS OF 2009

From the Department of Immunology / Microbiology  
and the Section of Allergy / Immunology

*We are proud to have been a part of your medical education,  
and we wish each of you the very best and every success  
throughout your medical careers.*

# The Department of Medicine congratulates the Rush graduating class of 2009!

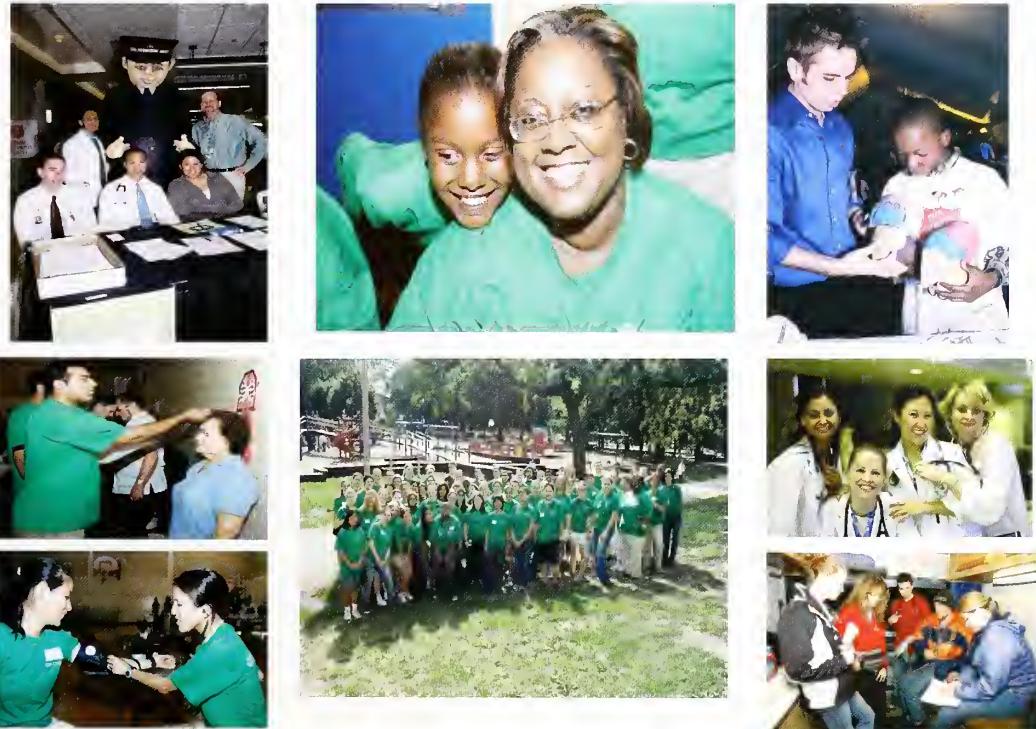


Wishing you the best of luck in  
your residency and future career.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009  
from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Rush University Medical Center



# From RCSIP and RU Caring: Congratulations to the Class of 2009!



Thank you for volunteering in our clinics, at our health fairs, and with our mentoring programs. Your service has helped improve the lives of countless patients.



## Congratulations Class of 2009!

As we bring closure to our medical school careers, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to those who have provided us with their support in this endeavor.

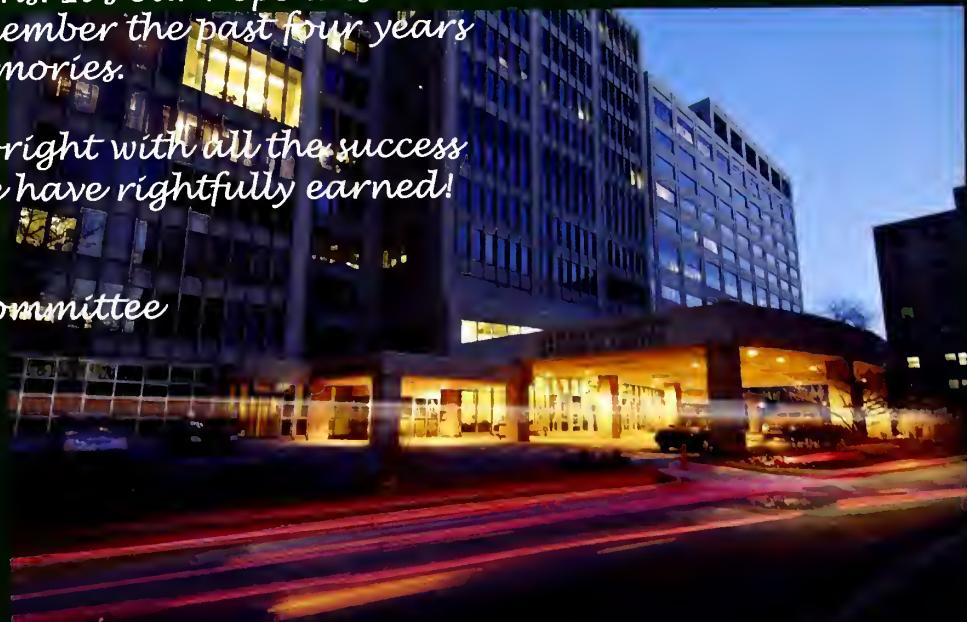
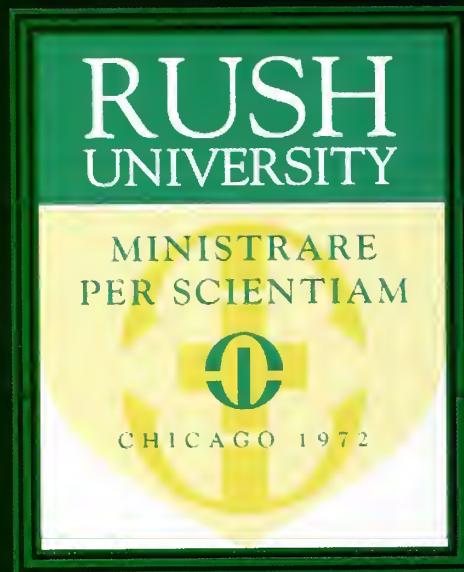
A special thank you to Dr. Deutsch, Dr. Jones, the Dean's Office, the Office of Student Affairs, the Rush Photo Group, and our families for making this yearbook possible. Another thank you to Jill Gabbert, whose indelible guidance has always kept us on track.

And last but not least, thank you to our phenomenal class! This final product would not have been possible without all your wonderful contributions. It's our hope this book will help you remember the past four years with the fondest of memories.

Here's to our futures, bright with all the success and happiness that we have rightfully earned!

Sincerely,  
Your 2009 Yearbook Committee

Paul Balash  
Amber Borucki  
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